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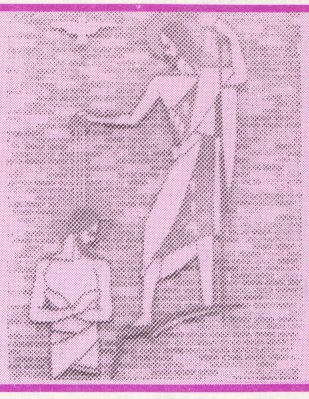
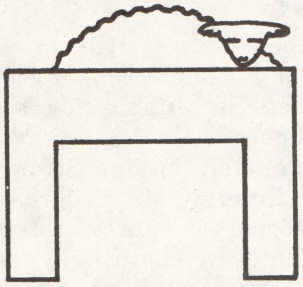




A TIME TO: RENEW COVENANT and WELCOME HOME

The use of sign and symbol has a prominent place in St. John's Lenten Program for 1979. Last week God's sign in the sky to Noah of a **rainbow** was the symbol of His faithfulness to His people. Today we must dig a little deeper to understand the inner meaning of the sign and symbol.

As a young man, Abraham responded to an inner call to leave his family and go in search of some new and unexplained covenant with God. For years he awaited this covenant's fulfillment through the birth of a son. Just as that long delayed covenant seemed about to be fulfilled through Isaac, the child of his old age, the Lord asked Abraham to sacrifice this child on the mountaintop. Willingly, if regretfully, Abraham proved his complete trust in the Lord by preparing for this sacrificial offering.

For the Oriental the meaning of the story was obvious. The covenant with the Lord came first in life ... before family, before one's own future, before any other desires. The covenant was the central fact of life.

Modern readers of this story are often confused by the fact of human sacrifice. It seems though that the ancient readers took this form of barbaric worship for granted. They knew that in the days of Abraham such ritual was common. What was uncommon in this story was the willingness of Abraham to **trust** so completely in the unseen Lord. Abraham's offering was made, not out of fear or superstitious dread, but as a difficult response to a covenant commitment.

The Bible is quick to point out that Abraham was rewarded for his generosity. He achieved a new level of intimacy with the Lord. Sacrifice and the trust which motivated it, brought a new closeness between the Lord and His friend, Abraham.

Now how does this effect us? Some obvious questions immediately suggest themselves.

1) How much time have I taken to look at God's covenant to me?
2) How much do I really trust Him?
3) What happens to me when I trust another and what happens to him?
4) What happens to me when I am trusted?

Let me suggest a way to approach these ideas this second week of Lent.

Look up the story of Abraham who is the central character in today's first reading. You will find the basic story in the Book of Genesis, the first Book of the Bible. Read chapter 12, 13 and 15 at least. Chapters 14 and 16-20 also contain stories about this great patriach which you may find interesting. As a family or household read and then discuss what they mean.

Just A Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

Parish Improvement

A good beginning has been made! The first week of our Lenten drive netted $3,618.75 in cash received. An additional amount of $8,724.50 has been pledged. All the above is the result of 213 households or families indicating a willingness to do what they can in shouldering the responsibility for the capital improvements we hope to make here at St. John's. Considering that we have nearly 1,200 registered families/households, we have a ways to go before we can say everyone was involved in this parish effort. Several new pledges were received during this past week via the mail. They will be counted as part of this weekend's receipts.

I hope we can count on everyone's support in **some** way during this Lenten Season. If you have misplaced your pink pledge card or special improvement envelopes, extras are available on all the offering tables in the church. We all quite naturally take for granted that St. John's Church will always be here and that it will look decent as I come for worship, or for my child's Baptism or First Communion, for my wedding and so on. St. John's continues to exist and can remain the beautiful place it is only because beautiful people make it so. It is **our** parish!

Lenten Prayer

Our parish Lenten program con-

tinues this week. During this coming week, several of our parish zones will gather together in neighborhood homes for an evening of prayer and faith sharing. Your zone leaders should have notified you regarding date and place of the gathering.

Sister Marilyn's article, printed on page 1 of this paper further elucidates our parish Lenten theme: "A Time to Renew Covenant and Welcome Home." Practical suggestions for your personal prayer and reflection are also printed with the article.

A goodly number of parishioners are gathering for daily Mass, either at 7:00 a.m. or at another time when Mass is celebrated each day. If you have never attended a weekday Mass and are able to do so, you might consider the possibility. Weekday liturgies last usually only one-half hour and certainly help give a nice flavor to the day ahead.

Wearin' of the Green

Pat and Nan o'Hara have graciously opened their home to all of us this coming Saturday, March 17th for what else but a party honoring St. Patrick who seems to have some special appeal to those of Irish heritage or at least who can imagine for one day the joy of what could have been. The Irish Coffee time is worth it, even if you do not like coffee. It's a good way to meet each other and enjoy a laugh for two. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Passion Enactment

Sister Marilyn

Part of the Lenten Program for 1979 will be the enactment of the Passion again this year. After some consideration and evaluation the Worship Commission felt this was a viable and moving experience for many, one which captured the message of the Holy Week Time and one which should be repeated.

In analyzing the experience of last Lent and Holy Week I myself feel that the prayerfulness of those involved and of those who were present at Liturgy was not only genuine and real but important for our faith lives. We are asking those of you who are considering taking part in the enactment of the Passion according to St. Mark to **prayerfully** reflect on this passion before deciding to participate. As you read and reflect - identify with the various characters, take them in and put on their shoes. This may help you associate with a particular character and help us in selecting roles.

Rehearsals will be on:

Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 6 after the Stations 8:30 p.m.

There will be five times the Passion will be enacted:

Saturday, April 7: 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, April 8: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Friday, April 13: 1:30 p.m.

High School Works

The next in a series of religious education workshops for high school students will take place on Sunday, March 11 at St. John's Religious Education Center from 6:30 until 9:15 p.m. The topic this month deals with what makes a person religious and is entitled, "Holy, Wholey, Holey." All high school students are invited.

Opportunity for Prayer Together

During the season of Advent we conducted a Solemn Vespers Service here at St. John's for the parish. As part of the Lenten Program we are again having Solemn Vespers on Sunday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. Vespers is approximately 30 to 45 minutes in length. Why not come on Sunday the 18th and spend a while in prayer?

Parish Nuptials

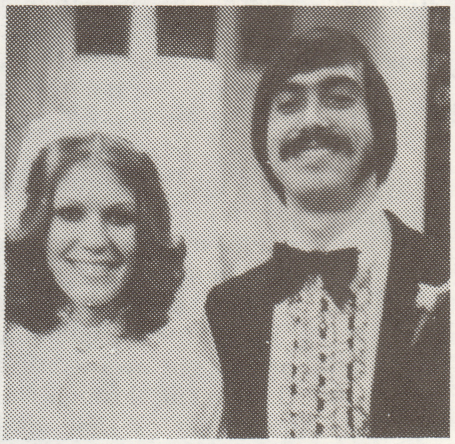
Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Adair

On Saturday morning, March 3, 1979, Robert G. Adair and Mary A. Barna solemnized their covenant of sacred marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne W. Adair of Ypsilanti. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John W. Barna of Ionia. Brian Adair of Ypsilanti and Cecilia Barna of Detroit were the main witnesses to the vows.

Music for the liturgy was provided by Mrs. Russell Ingram, organist and Mrs. Ruth Lorenz, vocalist. The bride's father served as lector.

The newlyweds will reside in the area.



Mr. & Mrs. Keith P. Williams

On Saturday evening, March 3, 1979, Gloria T. Rachoza, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rachoza of this parish, and Keith P. Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul W. Williams of Wayne, spoke their vows of marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

Larry Gresehover of Wayne and Mary Woods of Ypsilanti were the main attendants.

Mr. Williams served as lector for the Mass; George Coveney was soloist and guitarist, with Mel Light as organist.

Congratulations, newlyweds! "What God has joined, man must not divide."

Saint Patrick's Day

Irish Coffee Benefit
Saturday, March 17
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

It is that time, once again, to join Pat & Nan O'Hara as they host their annual Irish Coffee Open House!

Remember that on St. Patrick's Day everybody who has ever wanted to be Irish (and who hasn't?) CAN be!!! So deck yourself out in a bit o'green and join in the fun!!!

There to greet and serve you will be those lovely "Irish" hostesses: Virginia **Gannon** Daniels, Rita **Meegan** Shemon, Nancy **Fitz** Wagner, Beverly **Mac**Hall, Penny **Percell** Hines, Kathleen **O'Hara** Thompson, and Colleen and Brigid **O'Hara.**

As many of you already know, the "Benefit" part of the Irish Coffee goes to our two fine priests. We furnish a Pot 'O Gold and a large card for you to sign (all donations are tax deductible). It is our small effort to show our appreciation to the priests for their continuing dedication and devoted service to us.

In the past we have attempted to cover part of the parish by sending out letters explaining this, however, due to the high cost of postage and since it seems to be the poorest kept "secret" anyway, we are providing the following form for those of you (Heaven forbid!) who find themselves unable to attend!

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Sorry, I cannot be with you on St. Patrick's Day, however, I would like to do my bit for the priests' Pot 'O Gold.

My name as I would like it signed on the card is:

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Clip and mail to: Irish Coffee Committee
c/o Pat & Nan O'Hara
479 Cortland
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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In regard to prayer, Matthew quotes Jesus as saying, "Ask, and it will be given to you, search, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you." **We invite you on a weekend journey to explore the possibilities of prayer.** "Come and see" on March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Please return the form below or call 483-6378 if you are interested.

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I am interested in the prayer workshop:

Name_____

Phone_____

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Intercessory Prayer

The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The Lord lifts up all who are bowed down. We all look hopefully to him. The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call upon him. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him, he hears their cry and saves them. Almighty and eternal God, grant us an increase of faith, hope and charity and that we may deserve to obtain that which you did promise. In faith we come to you again and again for you are our only hope, you are our God and we your people.

Lord, help us to remember your covenant with us as we journey through the desert in this Lenten season. May we grow closer to you and your teachings as we gather to share our lives together. Let our lives be changed by your Spirit not only till Easter but forever.

Lord, we pray for the Confirmation candidates. May the family of St. John's become involved in this time of preparation by supporting each candidate in love and prayer.

We pray for Larry and Linda, Allan and Tammy. May their vows

Junior High Retreat

Junior high students will be coming together again for an afternoon of fun and spiritual growth as they celebrate their oneness with the Lord at the Junior High Lenten Retreat in the Activities Center, March 17, 1979 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please call the Center at 483-6378 or Carole Dyska 326-2964 for further information.

Philosophy of Education

A discussion on a philosophy of education for St. John Parish will be held March 18 in the Activities Center Library at 10:30 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass). All are invited to give your ideas.

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

last forever and may their love grow daily in Jesus.

We pray for Sean, Traci and Michael who are now part of our community through the waters of Baptism. May they grow to be faithful in Jesus.

We pray for our sick. May God's healing power be made known to those who believe in it. Ask and you shall receive. Have faith in Jesus.

We pray for Catherine who now lives in God's kingdom, with eternal rest and peace.

We pray for our Parish Improvement Drive, that the beauty of your house of worship may be made known by our gifts. Let us all do it together.

How we love your palace Yahweh. How our souls yearn and pine for Yahweh's courts. Our hearts and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Send your peace and grace among your people and we will sing and praise your name forever.

Praise Jesus
David Rocha

Mr. & Mrs. Mario Tello, 8611 Spinnaker Way #C3, 485-2827

Ms. Suzanne Miklos, 6246 Lake Dr. #320, 481-0904

Mr. & Mrs. Raphael U. Acholonu, 3004 Washtenaw #1-A, 434-3496

Mrs. Irene McRae, 8564 Windsor Ct., 485-8224

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Mr. Joseph Stine, 203 N. Washington, 483-1420

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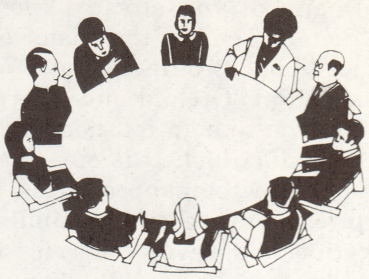
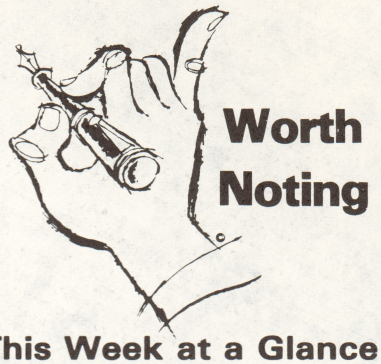


Parish Council Agenda

March 12, 1979 - 8:00 p.m.

I. Opening Prayer
II. Approval of Minutes
III. Commission Reports
A. Administration
Mr. Tony Comazzi
1. Financial Report
2. Update on Church Painting
3. Improvement Drive Status Report
4. Church Security and Alarm System
5. Spending Guidelines
B. Education
Mrs. Martha Wideman
1. High School Program
2. Junior High Program
3. Facilitators Report
C. Parish Activity
Mrs. Rita Sprague
1. Millionaire's Party
2. Night of Bowling
3. Bazaar Planning
D. Service
Sr. Carol
1. General Report
E. Worship
Mr. Robert Helm
1. General Report
IV. Old Business
A. Needham Hall Study Committee Report
B. Summary Report on Parish Opinion Survey
C. Bishop Albers Trust Fund Recommendation
V. Questions from the Floor
VI. New Business
A. Presentation on Rechartering of Boy Scout Troop
B. Communication from St. Francis Education Commission
VII. Other Announcements
A. DSA Meeting at St. Joseph's in Dexter on March 21 at 7:30 p.m.
VIII. Adjournment



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 11
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Babysitting
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. High School Religious Education
11:00 a.m. Preschool Classes
12:30 p.m. Baptism Mass

Monday, March 12
9:00 a.m. Team Meeting, Rectory
4:30 p.m. Team Liturgy Planning
8:00 p.m. Parish Council Monthly Meeting, Activity Center

Tuesday, March 13
1:00 p.m. - Leisure Club Meeting
4:00 - 5:15 Religious Education, Grades 1-8
7:00 - 8:15 Religious Education Junior High School
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Convert Class, Activity Center
SPRED Program, Center
High School Home Groups

Wednesday, March 14
Bulletin goes to press AM
4:30 - 5:45 Religious Education, Grades 1-6
6:30 p.m. Bingo, Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Loft

Thursday, March 15
7:30 p.m. - Scripture Class, Library - Fr. Doepker

Friday, March 16
7:30 p.m. Baptism Class, Center Library
7:30 p.m. Stations and Benediction

Saturday, March 17
10:00 a.m. Handbell Practice
3:30 - 4:30 Confessions heard

Reminder: Home Lenten Sharing Groups will be meeting throughout the week.

Invitations ...

* St. Patrick's Altar Society: Sister Feeney will be the Guest Speaker at the March 13th meeting in the Parish Center at 11:00 a.m., potluck will follow at noon. Sister Feeney will speak on "Handicapped Children and the Gospel." All ladies welcome to attend.

* **Millionaire's Party:** St. Pat's Whitmore Lake Parish Center, Saturday, March 24. Doors open 8:00 p.m. until midnight. Come join in the fun.

* **Open House:** St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 414 N. Main St. in Ann Arbor today, March 11th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. ... Park next to church bldg. ... Guided tours and refreshments.

* Turner Geriatric Clinic, 1010 Wall Street, Ann Arbor, presenting program on Sleep, 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. on March 15th. Speaker: Dr. Weicher H. Van Houten. Topics: Changes in sleeping patterns with aging, medications to aid sleep and relaxation techniques. Call 764-6831 for information and reservations.

* **International Fair** sponsored by International Students Association of EMU on Thursday, March 15th, 9:00-6:00 p.m. in McKenny Ballroom.

* **Benefit Bingo** for Holy Trinity Chapel will be held on Sunday, March 25 "to keep the Chapel solvent." The Bingo will be held at St. Alexis Hall, 1725 E. Forest Ave., Ypsilanti, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

* St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, Knights of Columbus, All Walters Council to be held on March 17th. $25.00 per couple. For further information call Ed Walters, 483-0676 or Bob Gillman, 482-3754.

Registration or Address Change

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

☐ Wish to register
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving from Parish

Wanted ...

* An adoptive home for a 1½ year old baby with residence for her Catholic mother. For information, please call Jackie immediately, 995-4963 after 2:00 p.m.

* Volunteer Transporters ... The Washtenaw County Department of Social Services is looking for men and women who could give rides to elderly or disabled clients to doctors' appointments or for grocery shopping. Mileage reimbursement is available (17 cents per mile), and hours are flexible. Occasionally children need rides to and from foster care or doctors' appointments.

If you could give two to four hours weekly or monthly, or if you could commit yourself to five or ten trips within the next few months, please call Polly Helmke, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 994-1810 or 994-1839.

* Sleeping accommodations for 3 nuns during the summer months only. Willing to live in separate homes, if necessary. Contact the rectory.

* The Ypsilanti Office of Catholic Social Services needs a volunteer receptionist available from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each Wednesday. No typing is required. For further information, please call Gail Lynch at 484-1260.

Financial Barometer

March 4, 1978

Sunday Offering $5,193.87
Home Missions 488.41
Religious Ed.
(Opt. Env.) 82.00
Parish Improvement $3,618.75

2nd Lent: March 11, 1979

Leave out nothing from the story!
What happened there, what did you see?
Nothing. Nothing.
We climbed a mountain with a friend
and for a moment, saw his glory.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, March 12 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max
2:30 p.m. Elsie Paffel, req. by Dan Paffel (at Parkview)

TUESDAY, March 13 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by his wife, Dorothy
5:30 p.m. Fr. Hubert Rakowski, req. by Diocesan Priests' Pact

WEDNESDAY, March 14 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. John Purcell, req. by The Hines Family
9:00 a.m. Cleophus Arend, req. by Harry and Sharon Spires & Family

THURSDAY, March 15 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Judy Laurain (26th Anniv.), req. by Mr. & Mrs. Laurain
5:30 p.m. Ernest Rickard (1st Anniv.), req. by Pearl Rickard

FRIDAY, March 16 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Richard Steeby, req. by The Diegel & Lengel Families
7:30 p.m. Stations and Benediction

SATURDAY, March 17 - Lenten Weekday (St. Patrick)
9:00 a.m. Victoria Stabene, req. by Gene & Peggy Covert
5:00 p.m. Christine Lamont, req. by Mike and Louise Cicirelli

SUNDAY, March 18 - Third Sunday in Lent
7:00 a.m. Don F. Gillette (7th Anniv.), req. by Mrs. Gillette
9:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Catherine Conkle (Mo. Anniv.), req. by Mr. & Mrs. E. Gondek
12:30 p.m. Veneta T. Sucharski, req. by John and Sharon Goldasich

Leisure Club

Meeting
Tuesday, March 13th
1:00 p.m. - Hall

Readings for March 11th-18th

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4-10, Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-15

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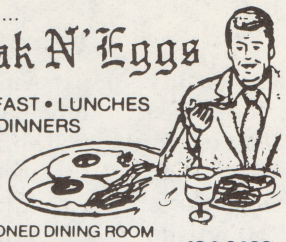
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